

Acquisition Reform Success Story



F-15 Operational Flight Program (OFP)

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Program Description

The F-15 Operational Flight Program is a coordinated software development effort utilizing multiple contractors, sub-contractors, organic development and operational flight test to research, design, develop, integrate, and test operational software for the F-15 A thru E model aircraft, and supporting weapons and maintenance equipment for the aircraft. It also supports the operational software development for Japan, Saudi Arabia, and Israel Foreign Military customers.

How Streamlining Made a Difference

The OFP Integrated Product Team (IPT) is a team comprised of offices geographically separated but working to the common purpose of F-15 OFPs. The team was the first to use the Air Force Materiel Command common format for Acquisition Strategy, Acquisition Plan, and Statement of Work development. It embraced acquisition reform and removed all references to Military Standards, reduced reference documents by 20% and utilized contractor formats for all delivered documents. This achieved a significant time-savings in approaching needed requirements smartly, saved man-hours and needless documents by using the tenants of acquisition reform. The team continued to implement acquisition reform during Contractor Data Requirements List(CDRL) development and pre-negotiations. It was able to reduce acquisition processing time by 3 to 4 months and Proposal submittal in record time by a close coordination across the IPT.

Measure	FROM	TO
Contracts Committee Audit (Errors Found)	10-20 items	0
Mil Standards/Specifications	5	0
Acquisition Process Time Saved	0	3 months
Program Savings	0	\$7M

Bottom Line: The F-15 OFP team piloted new processing tools for the System Program Office, reducing total program cost and learning-curve for follow-on programs (doing it **better**). Reduced acquisition processing time from Acquisition Strategy Panel (\$102 million, 5 year effort) to contract award by 4 months (doing it **faster**). Reduced the cost of OFPs by \$7 million dollars(doin g it **cheaper**).